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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Decision on Appeal mailed December 21, 2004, please reopen prosecution pursuant 37 C.F.R. § 41.50(b)(1) for the above-referenced application and amend the present application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.